

# COUNCIL WRAP UP

FROM MAYOR LEWIS



## GROUND WARNING SYSTEM

Council approved a capital improvement project for a new Ground Warning System that includes both the siren system and future fiber connectivity. City staff recommended and Council approved a contract with ATI Systems who is recommending 11 sirens. Early estimates show that they may be able to use existing right-of-ways and standing structures. If there is a need for future land purchases or use agreements, they will be brought before Council as needed. The second half of the Ground Warning System Project is related to fiber connectivity. A 'fiber ring' is being proposed to the 11 towers as well as connecting to existing infrastructure, such as lift stations and other city assets. Total cost for this improvement project is estimated at \$2.7M, of which only the ATI contract is secured. The contract for the fiber connectivity will be forthcoming.



## BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS OF AMERICA

The Big Brothers Big Sisters of America organization has approached the City of Forney to open a local Chapter. City staff will be meeting with the Forney Fire Department to start discussions as the possible first department to become mentors. What an exciting way to give back to our youth! More of this to come.



## FACILITY RENOVATION

The Community Development/Public Works facility has additional space needs. The current year's departmental reorganization and expected additional staff for FY 2022 within Public Works, Community Development, and Engineering has created an immediate need for more offices as well as creating a larger workshop for Public Works. Council approved these additional expenses for \$176,000.



## GOLF CART ORDINANCE

Last year the city approved the use of golf carts on neighborhood streets provided appropriate regulations are met. These included but are not limited to operators being licensed drivers, having installed headlamps and tail lamps, and other safety features. The city has now removed the requirement that golf carts need installed seat belts and turn signals, which are both difficult to find and have installed. For more information on rules and regulations regarding golf carts/slow moving vehicles on roadways, click [here](#).



## AMERICAN RECOVERY ACT

The City will be receiving its portion of the American Recovery Act funds to the tune of \$6.7M! A survey will soon be distributed to residents on how the city can best allocate these funds to meet the needs of Forney. The allowable uses that the city is eligible for housing and utility assistance, small business assistance, and water, sewer, and stormwater infrastructure. Be on the lookout for a survey soon!



The next Forney City Council Meeting will be on August 17th. Watch live at [forneytx.gov](https://forneytx.gov)